

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming system comprising:

a first image forming member having a data storage ~~unit; and~~ unit and a data supply unit;

~~a second image forming member being different from the first image member;~~
and

an image forming apparatus for forming an image on at least the first image forming member, wherein:

the image forming apparatus includes:

an image reading unit for reading a plurality of images, which are printed on originals, respectively, to form plural pieces of image data ~~each indicating~~
indicating the read images; images, respectively;

a merging unit for merging the plurality of images into a single combined image;

an image forming unit for forming the combined image on the single first image forming member; ~~and~~

~~a data writing unit for writing the combined image formed on the single first image forming member into the first image forming member; and~~

~~the data storage unit stores the written image data.~~

a data writing unit;

a data reading unit; and

a selecting unit,

the data writing unit writes, into the data storage unit of the first image forming member, the plural pieces of image data, which indicate the images read by the image reading unit,

the data reading unit reads the plural pieces of image data, which indicate the respective images and are supplied from a data supply unit of the first image forming member on which the combined image has been formed,

the selecting unit receives an operation to select at least one of the plural pieces of image data read by the data reading unit, and

the image forming unit forms the image indicated by the selected image data on the second image forming member.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image reading unit for reading a plurality of images, which are printed on originals, respectively, to form plural pieces of image data each indicating-indicating the read images; images, respectively;

a merging unit for merging the plurality of images into a single combined image;

an image forming unit for forming the combined image on a single first image forming member; and member;

~~a data writing unit for writing combined image formed on the single first image forming member into the first image forming member.~~

a data writing unit;

a data reading unit; and

a selecting unit, wherein

the data writing unit writes, into a data storage unit of the first image forming member, the plural pieces of image data, which indicate the images read by the image reading unit,

the data reading unit reads the plural pieces of image data, which indicate the respective images and are supplied from a data supply unit of the first image forming member on which the combined image has been formed,

the selecting unit receives an operation to select at least one of the plural pieces of image data read by the data reading unit, and

the image forming unit forms the image indicated by the selected image data on a second image forming member being different from the first forming member.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to ~~claim 4~~, claim 3, further comprising:

a display unit for displaying at least one image using the image data read by the data reading unit.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image reading unit for reading a plurality of images, which are printed on originals, respectively, to form plural pieces of image data ~~each indicating~~ indicating the read ~~images; images, respectively;~~

a merging unit for merging the plurality of images into a single combined ~~image; image, and generating layout data indicating layout of the read images in the~~ combined image;

an image forming unit for forming the combined image on a single first image ~~forming member; and member;~~

a data writing unit for writing layout data indicating positions where the combined image on the single first image forming member is displayed into the layout data generated by the merging unit into a storage unit of the first image forming member; and

a data reading unit for reading the layout data from the storage unit of the first image forming member, wherein

the image reading unit reads the combined image formed on the first image forming member, and

the image forming unit divides the combined image, which is read from the first image forming member, into plural segment images in accordance with the read layout data and forms the segment images on respective second image forming members being different from the first image forming member.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image reading unit for reading a plurality of images, which are printed on originals, respectively, to form plural pieces of image data each indicating the read images; images, respectively, the image reading unit for generating total number data indicating a total number of the read images;

a merging unit for merging the plurality of images into a single combined image;

an image forming unit for forming the combined image on a single first image forming member; and

a data writing unit for writing total the total number data indicating total number of the plurality of images in the combined image formed on the single first image

~~forming member into~~ generated by the image reading unit into a storage unit of the first image forming member; ~~member; and~~

~~_____~~ a data reading unit for reading the total number data from the storage unit of the first image forming member, wherein

~~_____~~ the image reading unit reads the combined image formed on the first image forming member, and

~~_____~~ the image forming unit divides the combined image, which is read from the first image forming member, into plural segment images in accordance with the read total number data and forms the segment images on respective second image forming members being different from the first image forming member.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image reading unit for reading a plurality of images, which are printed on originals, respectively, to form plural pieces of image data ~~each indicating~~ indicating the read ~~images; images, respectively;~~

~~_____~~ an original-size specifying section for generating size data indicating sizes of the originals;

a merging unit for merging the plurality of images into a single combined image;

an image forming unit for forming the combined image on a single first image forming member; ~~and member;~~

a data writing unit for writing the generated size data, indicating ~~sizes~~ the sizes of the originals whose images are formed in the combined image on the single first image forming member, into a storage unit of the first image forming member; ~~member; and~~

a data reading unit for reading the layout data from the storage unit of the first image forming member, wherein

the image reading unit reads the combined image formed on the first image forming member, and

the image forming unit divides the combined image, which is read from the first image forming member, into plural segment images in accordance with the read size data and forms the segment images on respective second image forming members being different from the first image forming member.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image reading unit for reading a plurality of images, which are printed on originals, respectively, to form plural pieces of image data each indicating ~~indicating~~ the read images; ~~images, respectively;~~

a merging unit for ~~merging the plurality of changing sizes of the plurality of read images by a certain magnification to merge the plurality of read images into a single combined image;~~

an image forming unit for ~~changing sizes of the read images in the combined image by a predetermined magnification to form a changed~~ forming the combined image on a first image forming member; and member;

a data writing unit for writing magnification data indicating the ~~predetermined certain magnification into a storage unit of the first image forming member.~~ member;

a data reading unit for reading the magnification data from the storage unit of the first image forming member, wherein

the image reading unit reads the combined image formed on the first image forming member, and

the image forming unit divides the combined image, which is read from the first image forming member, into plural segment images in accordance with the read magnification data and forms the segment images on respective second image forming members being different from the first image forming member.

14-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) An image forming method comprising:

reading a plurality of images, which are printed on originals, respectively, to form plural pieces of image data each indicating ~~the read images; images,~~ respectively;

combining the read images into a combined image;

forming the combined image on a single first image forming member; and

writing the plural pieces of image data indicating the read images in the combined image formed on the single first image forming member into the first image forming ~~member.~~ member;

reading the plural pieces of image data, which indicate the respective images and are supplied from a data supply unit of the first image forming member on which the combined image is formed;

selecting at least one of the read plural pieces of image data; and

forming a selected image indicated by the selected image data on a second image forming member being different from the first image forming member.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing a program causing a computer to perform an image forming process, the process comprising:

reading a plurality of images, which are printed on originals, respectively, to form plural pieces of image data each indicating ~~the read images; images,~~ respectively;

combining the read images into a combined image;

forming the combined image on a single first image forming member; ~~and~~

writing the plural pieces of image data indicating the read images in the combined image formed on the single first image forming member into the first image forming member; ~~member;~~

reading the plural pieces of image data, which indicate the respective images and are supplied from a data supply unit of the first image forming member on which the combined image is formed;

selecting at least one of the read plural pieces of image data; and

forming a selected image indicated by the selected image data on a second image forming member being different from the first image forming member.

18. (New) The image forming system according to claim 1, wherein the second image forming member includes another storage unit configured to store data and another data supply unit configured to supply the data stored in said another storage unit.

19. (New) The image forming system according to claim 1, wherein the second image forming member includes no storage unit configured to store data.

20. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the second image forming member includes another storage unit configured to store data and another data supply unit configured to supply the data stored in said another storage unit.

21. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the second image forming member includes no storage unit configured to store data.